

Passage of PNTR for China is one of the most significant pieces of legislation this Congress has passed in this decade. The Commission will play an essential role in the oversight of its implementation and China's adherence to its international obligations.

Again, Mr. President, I support funding accorded by the CJS Appropriations bill for FY2001 and will further support increased funding of at least \$1.3 million in the next and following fiscal years.

#### SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, the Senate will soon bid a fond farewell to one of its most distinguished members, the senior Senator from New York. I rise today to bid him adieu.

As we all know, DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN is the Senate's Renaissance Man, a man of dazzling intelligence and accomplishments in many arenas of public life. A scholar, an author, a teacher, a statesman, a Senator: he is—to paraphrase President Kennedy's comment on Thomas Jefferson—perhaps the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever graced the United States Senate. This body and every one of its members have been touched by his grace, and we shall all be ever the richer for the days he spent with us.

I have enjoyed the additional pleasure of serving with Senator MOYNIHAN on the Environment and Public Works Committee. In past years, as Chairman of the Committee, he raised public awareness on the issue of acid rain. In doing so, he broadened our horizons by greatly expanding our understanding of the far-reaching effects that human actions can have on the environment and the effects that environmental degradation can have on human beings.

Mr. President, I know that Senator MOYNIHAN has much more to offer his country, and I hope that he will long continue to give the Senate the benefit of his peerless intellect, insight, and experience.

#### SENATOR RICHARD H. BRYAN

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, California's good neighbor, and our distinguished colleague, Senator RICHARD H. BRYAN of Nevada.

With his impending retirement from the Senate, Senator BRYAN will culminate 36 years of public service at the local, state, and national levels. He has served the people of Nevada as a district attorney, public defender, state legislator, state attorney general, governor, and United States Senator. Throughout his career, he has been known for his intelligence, integrity, and good sense.

During his two terms in the Senate, DICK BRYAN has addressed a variety of national issues without forgetting the people of his state. He has been a lead-

ing champion of American consumers, fashioning laws to require air bags in automobiles, protect Internet privacy, reduce telemarketing fraud, and reduce errors in personal credit reports. He has fought for American taxpayers by working to reduce wasteful spending, eliminate special-interest subsidies, and balance the Federal budget.

Senator BRYAN has been a vigilant and tireless protector of Nevada's environment, working to save Lake Tahoe and prevent the construction of a nuclear waste storage facility at the Nevada Test Site. Earlier this month, he won another victory for his home State's environment with the passage of the Black Rock Desert—High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act, which will provide added protection to nearly 800,000 acres of federal land in northwestern Nevada.

Senator BRYAN is a gentleman, a man known for his ability to work with people of all parties and persuasions. In bidding him farewell, I hope that the Senate will carry on his spirit of comity, courtesy, and bipartisanship.

#### SENATOR FRANK LAUTENBERG

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to the senior Senator from New Jersey: my dear friend and distinguished colleague, Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG.

This is a bittersweet occasion for me—sad because FRANK will be leaving us soon, but sweet because he leaves us with so many fond memories and such a great example of what it means to serve the American people through this great institution.

FRANK LAUTENBERG has been one of my closest friends in the Senate. He has also been my colleague, confidante, mentor, and role model. Intensely patriotic and ethical, he takes his role as legislator very seriously without taking himself too seriously. A man of deep and wide-ranging intellect, he is quick to grasp the essentials of any issue before the Senate yet slow to criticize others, even those with whom he disagrees. A tolerant and benevolent man, he is ever ready to compromise in the name of harmony yet firm in his core beliefs and steadfast in acting on them.

FRANK LAUTENBERG is a living embodiment of the American Dream. The son of poor immigrants, he served in World War II, graduated from Columbia University on the G.I. Bill, went into business with friends and developed one of the world's leading computer services companies. He chose public service not as a career move but as a way of giving something back to the people of his state and nation.

During his three terms in the Senate, FRANK LAUTENBERG has worked to defend and improve the health, safety, and security of every American family. He wrote the laws to raise the national drinking age, ban smoking on airplanes, toughen the standards on drunk driving, and prevent anyone convicted

of domestic violence from owning a gun. He helped write the Superfund, Clean Air, and Safe Drinking Water Acts. And he co-authored the Balanced Budget Agreement of 1997, which put America on the path to sustaining Social Security and Medicare.

FRANK LAUTENBERG served the public good before he came to the Senate, and he will do so long after he leaves us. He founded the Lautenberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology three decades ago, and he continues to support its work as one of the world's leading cancer research institutions. A noted philanthropist, he continues to support charitable work in education, the environment, the arts, and the Jewish community.

Mr. President, FRANK LAUTENBERG is someone I could point out to my grandson and say, "There is a man." He is a great human being, a great American, and a great Senator. His departure will be a great loss to the Senate, but his presence has been a great gift to us all. I thank him for all that he has done for me, for this body, and for the people of the United States.

#### SENATOR ROBERT KERREY

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to Senator ROBERT KERREY, a distinguished friend and colleague who will be leaving the Senate at the close of this Congress.

BOB KERREY is a true American hero, a man of great physical and political courage. We all know about his heroism on the battlefield, though he rarely mentions it and does nothing to solicit the admiration showered upon him. A man of peace and goodwill, he speaks with unparalleled authority on the need to maintain a strong national defense while working for reconciliation with America's former adversaries.

BOB KERREY's political courage is evidenced by his independence, candor, and willingness to tackle the toughest issues. He took on entitlement reform when few others dared look it in the face. He took the first brave steps toward a bipartisan reform of Medicare in order to guarantee the program's long-term stability. And he has continued to press for universal health care coverage for all Americans.

In an era when even the finest legislators hesitate to speak before consulting the polls, BOB KERREY says what he means and means what he says. He never hesitates to follow his personal moral compass, even when this means working with the other political party or criticizing his own.

Mr. President, as Senator KERREY leaves the halls of Congress for the groves of academe, I know that he will bring the same courage and rigor to his new career that he has displayed here in the Senate. I join my colleagues from both sides of the aisle in sending him off with our best wishes and profound gratitude.